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USNMR SHAPE PASS TO COL GERRISH; USDELMC NATO FOR COL PIRKEY

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SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE

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1. WE FEEL THAT THE ALLIANCE HAS MADE A GOOD START AT
DEALING WITH ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE AND THAT THE EFFORT
SHOULD BE KEPT LOW-KEY. TRENDS IN THIS TYPE OF INTER-
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ERENCE WERE THE SUBJECT OF A U.S. BRIEFING PRESENTED TO
THE NATO ELECTRONIC WARFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NEWAC)
PLENARY, 2-4 NOVEM0ER 1976. IT WAS POINTED OUT IN
DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT THAT EACH NATION HAS ITS
OWN REPORTING SYSTEM AND EVALUATION CAPABILITY; THAT NOT
ALL NATIONS HAVE REPORTED INTERFERENCE INCIDENTS TO NATO;
AND THAT THE U.S. IS NOT IN A POSITION TO UNDERTAKE EVALU-

ATION OF ALL SUSPECTED INTERFERENCE INCIDENTS. NEWAC AGREED TO ESTABLISH A COMMON FORMAT BY WHICH MEMBER NATIONS WOULD REPORT SUSPECTED INCIDENTS TO NATO AUTHORITIES. THE US COMMENT ON THIS FORMAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN, NEWAC.

2. THE BASIS OF THE REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (CMC-209-76, 12 NOVEMBER 1976) IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. HOWEVER, ON 23 NOVEMBER 1976 THE US REPRESENTATIVE

TO NEWAC AND THE US AIR FORCE ELECTRONIC WARFARE CENTER, EUROPEAN DETACHMENT COMMANDER, MAJ. MILTON DRIGGERS, PROVIDED THE MOST CURRENT US INFORMATION ON SUSPECTED INCIDENTS INVOLVING US FORCES.

3. CONFLICTING INFORMATION HELD BY DIFFERENT NATIONS AND NOT FULLY REPORTED IN NATO CHANNELS IS CONFUSING AND HARD FOR NATO AUTHORITIES TO DEAL WITH. THIS SITUATION PROMPTED THE REQUIREMENT FOR A COMMON NATO REPORTING SYSTEM. WE FEEL THAT THE INTERFERENCE REPORTING PROBLEM IS IN HAND AS A RESULT OF THE NEWAC MEETING. COORDINATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN, NEWAC, CONCERNING THIS MATTER SHOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE MISSION.

4. IN FURTHER PURSUING THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM MISSION SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DIVERT ANY EMERGING CONSENSUS TO PROTEST DIRECTLY TO THE USSR OR OTHER NATO AUTHORITIES TOWARD

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HANDLING INTERFERENCE IN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION CHANNELS AS AN AIR SAFETY MATTER.
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